The Years Whize By.

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When you feel you're growing older, and your half is turning gray.

When you take to wearing glasses, and you dread a stormy day;

When you're had to fire in winter and avoid the summer sun.

And your dreasing gown and slappers som so nice when work is done—

You wonder why you haven't done the work you planned to do.

The work undone from years agone keeps crowding on the new;

And you don't accomplish all you wish, however hard you try.

Oh, do you ever notice how the years whize by?

Whize by?

Nou meant to do the things this year you failed to do the last;
You tried to do them then, of course, but time went flying past.
Your fortune wasn't made as planned, your poem didn't evolute, you're not with fame acquainted.
The statue still unchisoled, and the book you didn't write
Float mocking through the visions that visit you at night.
In youth it often seemed that time on leaden wings did fly,
It's different new. Good gracious! How the years whize by!

We're existing and assisting in a very

rapid age,
We bow before the footlights, then we're
hustled off the stage;
With a few more Santos Dumonts we
shall sail among the stars,
An auto-acro-street-car line will soon be
run to Mars.
With Tesia and Marconi and the wireless
talegraph.

With Tesin and Marcon and the wrietese telegraph,
The Impossible's accomplished and all obstacles are chaff,
Alasi All these things only make existence faster fly.
Dh, it's really something awful how the years whize by!

Each morning when you rise you think the hill of fame to olimb;
Each evening brings the haunting fear you've not sufficient time.
The fearful rate at which this world revolves upon its axis
Leaves us no time for anything excepting death and taxes.
If something dresn't intervene to moderate our pece,
Norll dy off at a tangent and go whirling into space.
Time's scorching pace does limit so our aspirations high,
No senree get fairly started till our life's whizzad by!

-Viola Gardie. Brown, in New York Tribune.

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A New Year's dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dickinson, of Hanover county. The parlors and dining room were beautifully decorated in bolly, mistletoe and running cedar. The charming day infused gayety into everything and everybody. Mr. Dickinson's hospitality was lavish and delightful. Those present were Dr. C. H. Ryland, of Richmond College, and Master John Ryland; Mrs. E. J. Bates, T. E. Bates and Miss Bates, Miss Blanche Tallaferro, Mr. Stanley Campbell, Messrs. W. C. and E. W. Newman, E. T. Puller, H. L. Faukner and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Horne.

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The Elmira, the second of four pretty
little vessels under construction at the
ship-yard for the Lackawanna Railway,
was successfully launched at the shipyard yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. As
the boat glided down the ways to the
river, Miss Anna Manville, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manville, broke the
traditional bottle of champagne against
the receding bow and pronounced the
words which gave the new craft her name.
The gates of the yard were not thrown
open to the public and the launching was
wilnessed by only a small crowd. The
sponsor and her maid of honor. Miss Anne
Kimberly, of Old Point, were conducted
to the christening stand by quite a party
of friends, including several of the shipyard officials. Miss Manville wore a
beautiful gown of blue accordion-plaited
slik, and carried pink roses. The maid of
honor wore pink accordion-plaited
slik, and carried pink carnations.

After the boat had floated out upon the
river and had been taken in charge by
several tugs, the christening party was
diriven to Hotel Warwick, where at 11
o'clock a delightful post-launching breakfast was served in honor of the pretty
sponsor and maid of honor.

Mrs. W. A. Post presided at the breakfast and among those present were.
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Kimberly, Miss Bessie Kimberly, Mr. and
Mrs. Manville, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Willett.
Miss Alone Willett and Miss Eleanor HarMr. H. G. Blauvelt occupied the first
Mr. H. G. Blauvelt occupied the first
lower left hand box with a party of
lower left hand box with her aunt,
of the lower of Staunton.

At the Opera.

The weather did not keep smart people from going to see "Carmen" last evening at the Academy.

The bright, sparkling music proved quite a sufficient attraction to draw a large audience and fill boxes and house as Eobengrin did on Thursday evening. Box parties were again the order and etgan costuming produced on the bachelors mind an impression of beauty and fasilion, that augmented greatly the artistic quality of the performance. Among the young ladies and belies occupying seats in orchestra and boxes were the Misses Harris, Crump, Tompkins, Davonport, McGuire, Johes, of Staunton, Cocko, Armistead, Talbutt, Herbert, Branch, Ross, Scott, Bruce and Buford. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Willard, Mr. and Mrs. After the president were served, Misses, Scott, Bruce and Buford. Mr. and Mrs. Pelham Blackford, Mr. and Mrs. Pelham B



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Break, Break, Break.

By ALFRED TENNYSON.

Various fanciful accounts have been given of the spirit and cause of this poem which was among the earlier productions of Lord Tennyson. The poet himself, however, declared that he wrote at 5 o'clock one morning between hiosoming hedges in Lincolnships. Other selections, together with the portrait, autograph and blographical sketch have already appeared in this series.

On thy cold gray stones, O, sea!

And I would that my tongue could utter The thoughts that arise in me.

That he shouts with his sister at play! O, well for the sailor lad That he sings in his boat on the bay!

And the stately ships go on, To the haven under the hill; But O, for the touch of a vanished hand, And the sound of a voice that is still!

At the foot of thy crags, O, sea! But the tender grace of a day that is dead Will never come back to me.



This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, October 11, 1908. One is published each day,

Personal Mention.

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Miss Edith Brauer, of this city, accompanied by her two friends, Missa Amanda and Winnie Butt, of Kentucky, have returned to the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, after spending the Christmas holidays with Miss Brauer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Brauer, The Misses Butt were delightfully entertained by Miss Brauer and her friends while here, and visited many of the points of interest. They were so greatly pleased with Richmond that they expect to spend their next vacation here.

Mr. John Hartley and his sister, Mrs. John T. Stons, have returned to Richmond from a visit to friends in Alexandria, Va.

Miss Ellen Guigon is at home after spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Chesley Kinney, of Staunton.

Mrs. Chesiey Almes 8. Benson are the guests of Mrs. Taylor Bissell, in Staunton.

Dr. Robert Kelly spent his Christmas holidays with relatives near Seven Mile Ford, Va.

Mr. Edward L. Daingerfield and family, of Alexandria, Va., will sail to-day from New York to Egypt, to spend the remainder of the winter.

Dr. and Mrs. George Ben. Johnston have been spending some time at Tate Springs, Tennessee.

Miss Sophie White is enjoying a visit to friends in Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. J. L. Shelton, who is the guest of Mrs. Holt Page, in Norfolk, attended a card party given Wednesday by Mrs. Fits Louis Sandos, of Norfolk.

Miss Jessie Pendleton has just returned from New York, where she spent the holidays,

A Kirmess will be given in Norfolk, Va., February 8th, at the Academy of Music, for the benefit of the Norfolk Protestant Hospital.

Mrs. Hugh Timberlake and child have left for their home in Staunton, Va.

Mr. George Cole Scott went to New York last Tuesday night.

Mrs. Josiah Ryland, No. 823 West Grace Street, entertained quite a number of friends at a card party Thursday evening. Among the guests were Mrs. W. D. Thomas, Miss Nora Leary and Mrs. War-rington Wise. This is the third in a series of parties of which Mrs. Ryland is host-

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mond.

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like the one under consideration to pre-

hears the pian stamp of sincerity and truth, with nothing sensational and imaginary to mar its directness.

The same might be said in regard to Governor O'Ferrall's war experiences. They are evidently penned with great enthusiasm and fire, they abound in incident and adventure; they are filled with praise for Southern leaders and comrades, but they are absolutely untinged by bitterness and being so, they make all the stronger appeal to the fair-minded, the patriotic and the unprejudiced.

The book is not simply a history of the Confederacy. It gives the official experiences of a man who subsequent to the Civil War, was a member of the State Legislature in the most critical period of Virginia's existence, that of the funding and anti-funding time; of a man who afterwards sat on the judicial bench of the State for eight years; who was congressman from Virginia when

THE TRUE HENRY CLAY, By Joseph M. Rogers, 88 pp. 32 net, J. H. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Mr. Rogers's biography of Henry Clay

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Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Potter, who have been in Mexico for some time, are expected shortly in Richmond. They will say good-bye to friends have before the first largemin, No. 10 South for the first largemin first largemin for the first

MORAL EDUCATION. By Edward Howard Griggs: 352 pp. B. W. Huebsch, New York.
Mr. Griggs's intention here has been to make a study of the whole problem to moral culture—its purpose in relation to our society, and the various means through which that purpose can be effected. He recognizes, what is indeed everywhere recognized to-day that the chief aim of education is to develop

noble manhood and womanhood, that the highest hope for education is towards a moral rather than a merely intellectual betterment. The recognition of this fact, our author contends, while undoubtedly general, is none the less vague, and no little confusion exists as to what it implies, and as to the means by which it can be attained. The straightening our of this confusion is the task attempted in the volume before us. Mr. Griggs's conclusions do not display, nor do they aspire to, any great originality or novelty of idea, but they are sans and sound, and are the fruits of an exhaustive study of his subject.

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The crowning work of his life, one which will greatly help the writing of future history, has been published to take up and read through with interest one which they will always desire for reference in their libraries and on their writing and affection as they writing tables, and one which they cannot fall to take up and read through with interest; one which they will always desire for reference in their libraries and on their writing and affection as they was believed to the work of the part of the writing and affection as they will the office of the most violets, with the price of the most involved and stationery Company, Richamont.

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is the sixth volume in the series of "True Biographies" now in process of publication by the Lippingot Company. Clay was in many ways an old company. Regers says that he was 'one of the most lovable men who eyer lived, if not had in respects the most admirable. None knew him but to love him, though a majority would never vote for him. Thore has been need of an adequate biography of this one of our great ones, and the pretray Clay the man, should well supply it. The author has made himself tho-jughtly familiar with his subjects environment, and has been so situated as to have access to all the private papers in possession of the family. Tho volume contains twenty-four illustrations most of them from photographs made especially for this work.

COMRADES IN ARMS. By Goneral

this rock," she retorted. "I'm his daughter."
A page or two later the following conversation took place:
"Here is, where I'can rulse the house!"
I cried, pointing to the knoll.
"Here, she said gravely, "is where you certainly can't raise anything else. It's all ledge.
"I made the tatal mistake of attempting to be facetious. 'How about self-raising flowers?'
"Fatal, I say, because she promptly adopted my weak-kineed little joke, gave it a pat on the tack to stiffen its limpness, washed its face, tidled its hair, rotted its cravat, brushed its once, tidled its hair, rotted its cravat, brushed its boots and in general furbianed it up into something really worth while. This is what it was at the end of the operation.
"You can only raise flowers with an exposure to the west, just as you can only raise flour with an exposure to the yeast," etc.
"Far From the Maddening Girls" tells

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COMBADES IN ARMS. By General Charles King. 350 pp. Hobert Co., New York.

"Couradbs in Arms" is described on the title-page us a "tale of two hemispheres," inagmuch as part of the action takes place in the United States and part in the Philliplines. That it is an army story the name of the author sufficiently guarantees; though it is, for the most part a story of the army in peace. The scene of the first part of the story is laid in a fort on the Western frontier, whither comes Lieutenant Langham, an exquisite young officer from the East. Langham's beautiful clothes, his afternoon tea, and his general style make him a prime favorite with the indies of the command, single and otherwise, but some of the men are inclined to dislike his airs. One night, the handsome Sicutenant is shot from ambush, and all but killed, "and the mess is thrown into turmel of uncertainty and trepidation. This is the beginning of complications which are, slowly unfolded and disposed of as the story progresses. General King writes in his well-known sprightly and vivacious style, and his story, while no great shakes from a purely literary standpoint, is always readable and entertaining. posure to the west, just as you can only raise flour with an exposure to the yeast, etc.

"Far From the Maddening Girls" tells the history of an eccentric young man who went to considerable pains to build almost a cottage in a secluded spot in the woods, quite removed from the wiles and blandishments of the gentler sex, where it was his design to pass his days in jolly solitude, now and then haranguing the trees and rocks, out of a joyous heart, upon the happiness of buchelorhood. It chanced, however, that a mile or so away there lived a young lady of sympathetic rature, of witty tongue and not unpleasing person. The denouement, to the ingenious, is already conceivable. Miss Befrith, from the first, perceived the pitfulness of Mr. Sand's shallow matrimonial sophistries, and unconsciously, perhaps, she gradually turned his face to the light. As regards her general style of conversation, "I found," the hero observes, "that I was constantly making remarks which appeared to me to be as clear as a mirror when they left my lips. A breath from her and—well, you know the effect of a breath upon a mirror."

This is the best thing of Mr. Carryl's we have ever read. From cover to cover it is unfallingly clever—at times astonishingly so—and here and there we find evidences of other and deeper gits. The young author's untimely death unquestionady removed one of the most versationady removed one of the most versation and brilliant of our younger writers.

The January Magazines.

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Harper's for January presents a strong collection of post-holiday offerings. The number opens with int interesting blographical sketch of Dr. Johr. Radeliffe by Edmund Gosse. Two other papers of considerable importance are 'A New Conception Concerning the Origin of Species," by Professor Hugo De Vries, and "The Dectrine of Expatriation." by Professor John Bassett Moore, Professor Lounsbury continues his series of articles on matters of English usage, this time treating of The Question of Honor," and Mrs. John Van Vorst writes interestingly of "The Poor, Children of Paris." There are good short stories by Anne O'Hagan, Booth Tarkington. William Dean Howells, Warwick Deeping, Philip Verrill Mighels, Mary Wilkins Freeman, Mary Raymond Shipman, Andrews, and others. The number contains some excelent colored pictures by T. K. Hanna, Jr., and Howard Pyle.

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David Graham Phillips contributes the most notable article in the January Reader Maguzine, It is entitled "Shifting Party Lines," and is "a look into the future by way of the past." Hector Fuller writes in this issue his third and concluding paper on "Gotting into Port Arthur," and Annette Austin writes of eo-education under the Lile "Sex and the University." A special tipled insert contains a poem by James Whitcomb Riley. Octave Thanet's serial, "The Man of the Hotg." is continued. Shorter fiction is by Mary Moss, Elliott Flower, Israel Zingwill, and Bert Leston Taylov. The regular departments are full and interesting.

sent correctly and adequatoly, its claims upon the consideration of southern and American readers of sli classes, yours and old, alike. For all who incline to history, to personality expressed through history to the record of forty of the most momentum years of American and sectional existence—here is, the story siven by one who foke a vital part in the struggle and the outcome of those years, and who is able, to describe both with a fudicial impartiality, yot, with a freshness and vigor, that impresses them indelibly, on the mind.

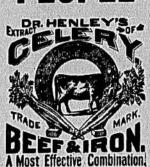
The book has the advantage of covering a longer period than collers. Consequently much of its material is altosocher, new. It besins with the author's experience as a lad in the John Brown raid, the real commencement of the great Civil War. Governor O'Ferrall went at that time with a volunteer company to Harper's Ferry. The account he gives of Brown's arrest, imprisonment and trial, is that of an eyo winess, and hears the plain stamp of sincerity and truth, with nothing sensational and impartance. The same might be said in regard to Governor O'Ferrall's war expresses.

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The January Scribner's is a work of art in its make-up. Its pages are brightened by a love song from the pen of Thomas Nelson Page that will interest many Richmond readers. A poem by Guy Wotmore Carryl, ontitled "The Bearer of Glad Tidings," is wonderfully illustrated by P. Luis Mora. The decorations are done by G. Alden Peirsan. Other specially good features are Edward Penfeld's "Amsterdam Impressions" and "His Bentitude." by H. G. Dwight. "On the War Dragon's Trail. from the pen of John Fox, Jr., will be engerly sought out by the numerous admirers of this gifted author. Josephine Daskam Bacons story is called: "The Goddesses from the Adeline," and is as clover as the things mus and the Choisters and the Hearth, by Ernest C. Peixotto, is very well and increasingly written. From every point afview the January number of Scribner's starts the year bravely and well.

The leading story in the January Lippincott is written by Miss Julia Magruder, a Virginia authoress, who has a charming style and a hold upon many Richmond friends. Other contributors of short stories, poems and sketches are Eben E. Rexford, Mary Stewart Cutting, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Pheebe Lyde, Seumas MacManus, Bliss Carman, "ask E. Besch, Margaret A. Richard, series McElroy iurs, Edith M. Thomas, George Moore, Michael Williams, Alfred Stoddart, Leslie W. Quirk, Marvin Dana, Edwin Carlisle Litesy and Fichard Kirk.

win Carlisle Litsey and Richard Kirk.

The Pall Mail Magazine, a high class London periodical, begins the new year with a reduction in price to fifteen cents for the United States and Canada. That the magazine retains its original high standard is apparent when one turns to the table of contents, in which the names of such writers as Thomas Hardy, John Hurns, H. G. Wells, Herbert Vivian, H. C. Bailey, Phoebe Hart, Hurold J. Shopstone, E. W. Hornung, Frederic Léss, the Earl of Iddesleigh, William Sharp, Charles Morley, Percy White, Joseph Conrad, R. W. Hall, Mrs. Noish and Mrs. Howorth appear. The January number is as full of good things as a nut is of good meat.